



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## *New Jersey Meadowlands Commission*

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The 30.4-square-mile Hackensack Meadowlands District encompasses portions of 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties. The total population of the Meadowlands communities is approximately 448,600, with 10,700 residing within the District's boundaries. A full third of the total population is immigrant, and 46.1 percent of the residents report their race as other than white. Over 11 percent of the residents live below the poverty line. The Commission



### **Assessment Grant**

**New  
2005**

***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

EPA has selected the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify community-wide clusters of adjacent brownfields sites for assessment and to conduct community outreach. Funds also will be used to collect environmental information on the target areas, using a geographic information system and other mapping techniques.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

has identified approximately 2,900 acres that are in need of redevelopment. Its redevelopment strategy is to remediate contaminated sites to steer development away from greenfields and sensitive wetlands. The New Jersey Turnpike, a major commerce corridor, runs through the District and could be used as a prime drawing card for business development, providing jobs for urban workforces.